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Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1045

BY REPRESENTATIVE PONTI

WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides relative to confidentiality of tax records

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 47:1508(B)(28), relative to the confidentiality of tax records; to provide for
3	the furnishing of tax record information to the Louisiana Workforce Commission for
4	the purpose of determining, investigating, and prosecuting fraud; to provide for the
5	confidentiality of such information; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 47:1508(B)(28) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§1508. Confidential character of tax records
9	* * *
10	B. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent:
11	* * *
12	(28) The sharing or furnishing, in the discretion of the secretary, of
13	information to the Louisiana Workforce Commission for the purposes of
14	determining, investigating, or prosecuting fraud related to all areas administered by
15	the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Any information shared or furnished shall
16	be considered and held confidential and privileged by the Louisiana Workforce
17	Commission to the same extent heretofore provided.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for furnishing of tax record information to the La. Workforce Commission for the purposes of determining, investigating, and prosecuting fraud.

<u>Present law</u> provides records and files of the secretary of the Department of Revenue (DOR) and records and files maintained pursuant to a tax ordinance, excluding property taxes and ad valorem property tax assessment rolls of any political subdivision are confidential.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that at the secretary of the DOR's discretion, nothing shall prevent the sharing or furnishing of tax record information to the La. Workforce Commission for the purposes of determining, investigating, or prosecuting fraud. Further requires any information shared or furnished by the DOR be held confidential and privileged by the La. Workforce Commission.

(Adds R.S. 47:1508(B)(28))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Ways and Means</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Required any information shared or furnished by the DOR be held confidential and privileged by the La. Workforce Commission.